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FROSTING FOR CAKES.

FULL DESCRIPTION OF PROCESS OF MAKING IT RIGHT.

Success Depends Mainly on Steady and Brisk Whipping—How Icing is Colored and Applied for Decoration.

Take some paper; parchment or a sheet of very thin notepaper, and rolling it into the shape of a funnel, pin it together, cutting off the lower end just above the bottom.

Make frosting as follows. Put whites of four eggs into a bowl and whip them with a strong whip or whisk until they are dry. The success of the frosting depends entirely on the steady and brisk whipping between additions of sugar. Add one tablespoon of confectioner's sugar, which has been carefully sifted, and whip briskly for three minutes, then add another tablespoon of sugar and whip as before. After third tablespoon has been added, add half teaspoon of lemon juice and whip briskly again. Continue this process until mixture is stiff enough to hold in any form.

The icing should now be divided into as many parts as there are colors, and each portion colored delicately to the desired shade. Care must be taken to mix the paste thoroughly through frosting, as otherwise specks of color will appear in it.

Round loaf cakes lend themselves better to decorations than square ones. It should be iced and put away to stand for at least one hour. The remainder of icing should be kept covered with a damp cloth.

Draw a circle the size of the cake on a piece of paper, and draw any design, such as flowers, figures, etc., on the paper. Perforate design with a pin, thus making a pattern. If paper is firm you may place it upon frosted cake, rough side of paper on cake, rubbing gently so that pin pricks will show in frosting, or you may place paper on cake and sprinkle over it a little finely powdered charcoal so that when paper is taken off the pattern is left on cake. Then take the funnel and partly fill it with icing of desired color. Fold the top of funnel over icing, so that none of the icing will flow over top of funnel when contents are being forced out of the bottom. Holding funnel in one hand move it along the lines of the design, using the other hand to squeeze icing on pattern. It is a good idea to always begin in center and work outward.

Venetian Eggs.
Put into the pan two tablespoonfuls of butter and a tablespoonful of finely chopped onion. Add a bit of bay leaf and, if desired, a half blade of mace. As soon as the onion has colored, remove bay leaf, mace and add a quarter and a half strained tomato, a cupful of cheese cut in small pieces, a teaspoonful of salt, a salt spoonful of paprika and three eggs slightly beaten. Cook until the eggs are of a creamy consistency, stirring constantly and scraping from the bottom of the pan, then pour over slices of delicately toasted bread.

Grapefruit Glasses.
Nothing is more annoying in the morning when one has to bolt one's breakfast in a hurry than to find the grapefruit sliding all over the saucer. Pretty grapefruit glasses may be bought which are just large enough to hold a half of the fruit.

Some of them are in plain glass, with the regular straight-cut top, while others have a rolling top of tinted glass. These last are pretty if the tinted portion matches the design in the breakfast china.

Braised Steak.
One pound and a half of round steak of medium thickness. Spread on meat board and pound flour into it, first on one side and then on the other, until you can get no more into it. Place in a hot buttered pan long enough to sear quickly on both sides. Then pour in a little water (hot), cover closely and stand on back of stove to simmer for two hours. See that water is kept in the pan so that the meat does not cook dry, but it must cook slowly. If done according to directions it will almost "melt in your mouth."

Russian Apple Pie.
Peel and core eight large apples, put into a baking dish with a little water and bake until tender. Press through a sieve into a large bowl and set aside to cool and chill. Add three-quarters of a cup of sugar and the whites of four or five eggs beaten stiff, with a few grains of salt and a little lemon juice and grated peel to season. Beat this mixture until very white and light, turn into a buttered dish and bake about 20 minutes. Serve hot with sugar and cream.

Won't Stick to the Pan.
In baking cakes, gems and other things which are apt to come out of the pan rough or torn at the bottom, try cooling the bottom of the pan quickly on ice or on a cloth soaked with cold water. The cake will come out of the pan easily and perfectly whole.

Sand Tart.
Two cups of sugar, one of butter, three of flour, two eggs, leaving out the white of one. Roll out thin and cut in heart-shape cakes with a cutter. Spread the white of the egg on top, sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar and press a blanched almond or raisin in the center.

CLEAN HOUSE ALL AT ONCE

Best Way If Family Can Be Banished—Hints on the Spring Ordeal.

"The easiest way to clean house is to do it all at once, turning everything upside down, having all carpets taken up at the same time, all the windows washed in succession, all the paint scrubbed in one piece of work. If the family can be banished, this plan may be followed, but when the ordinary business of the home has to go on, such drastic measures should never be practiced. The house should be cleaned a room at a time, but before going to these make an attack on the closets," says Christine Terhune Herrick in Woman's Home Companion.

"Devote one day to the china closet. Take the china and glass out, put it on a table and scour the shelves. Have a blow-gun and inject insect powder into any cracks or crevices of the shelves as a discouragement to invading insects. Wipe off every piece of tableware before you put it back and discard ruthlessly broken and cracked pieces.

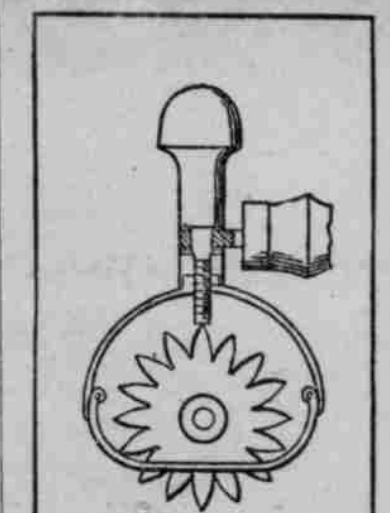
"When you put your china on the shelves use care in its arrangement. Tall pieces should go at the back, and so should piles of saucers and plates. Be careful not to make the piles of plates too tall. Plates of delicate china at the bottom of a stack may be cracked and broken by the weight of the china upon them. Turn the glasses and tumblers upside down.

"Go over the contents of your sideboard, especially the table linen, laying aside such pieces as need mending and are worthy of and putting the hopelessly worn objects aside with your store of old linen. Wipe out the sideboard drawers and let them get entirely dry before laying in fresh papers and restoring the linen to its place. Use the insect powder here, too."

THIS MAKES MEAT TENDER

Implement With Cutter Wheels Which, Rolled Over a Steak, Loosen Up the Fibers.

Even the best of butcher shops sometimes have tough meat, and at the other shops it is a toss-up whether you get a good steak or not, unless you are willing to pay fancy prices. A Pennsylvania man has invented an



implement for making meat tender that will be found useful in any family, but especially in households that cannot afford to buy the choicest cuts. A handle with a fork to it has a shaft running through the ends of the fork. Revolving on this shaft are a lot of sharp little cutter wheels, with teeth that will bite through sole leather, if necessary. When a steak is found to be too tough, the cook can lay it on the kitchen table before putting it on to be fried or broiled and run this implement back and forth over it until the fibers have been loosened sufficiently to make it tender. There are other devices for this purpose, among them a hammer with sharp projections in the head, but the wheels are said to have the advantage of penetrating all the way through an ordinary steak and doing the work more rapidly.

Improved Cheese Cakes.
Two cups of cheese, one cup of sugar, one-fourth cup of melted butter, one lemon rind and juice, one salt spoon of salt, one-half cup of milk or cream, three eggs beaten separately, then beaten all together well, adding stiff whites last. Line pans with rich pastry. Bake like a custard. This recipe fills a deep square pie plate. To be eaten cold. Grate nutmeg over the top before baking.

Rice Balls.
Take hot cooked rice, season with salt, pepper and butter, and add very finely minced chives and parsley—a tablespoonful of chives and a teaspoonful of parsley to each cupful of rice. Mix well and form into small balls the size of a walnut and set away to get cold. When ready to use dip each ball in beaten egg, roll in ground peanuts and fry a golden brown in boiling fat. Drain and serve as a garnish to meat or game.

Cranberry Frappe.
One quart of cranberries, two cups of water, two cups sugar, juice of two lemons. Cook cranberries and water for eight minutes. Force through sieve, then add sugar and cook ten minutes. Strain juice of lemon in and cook five minutes longer.

Quite Literal.
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